

depending therefrom are allowable. Withdrawal of the obviousness rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 29-71 are believed to be allowable for substantially similar reasons as stated above.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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